

North Star Group & Champlain College



Present

Divorce Mediation Training

with

Susanne Terry, M.S.

&

Christine Packard, Esq.

July 24, 25, 31, August 7, 8, 2009

8:30 am – 5:30 pm

Champlain College – Burlington, VT

Deadline for application: July 10, 2009

Divorce Mediation Training is designed to meet most of the key requirements of the Family Section of the Association for Conflict Resolution and the Vermont Family Court Mediation Program. This advanced training is in accordance with Model Standards of Conduct for Mediators endorsed by the American Bar Association and the Association for Conflict Resolution.

For additional information, contact Neal Rodar
at 802-223-0690 or email nrodar@champlain.edu

About This Training

This course is designed for persons who intend to practice divorce mediation. The workshop employs a mixture of teaching techniques including lecture, demonstration, case analysis, and simulation. All participants will have individualized observation and feedback by experienced practicing mediators. To successfully complete the training, participants must fully attend all sessions and demonstrate a basic understanding of the concepts and skills addressed in the training.

Susanne Terry and Christine Packard instructors:

Susanne Terry has been a mediator since 1974 and a divorce mediator in Vermont since 1981. She is a contract mediator and Parent Coordinator with the Vermont Family Court Mediation Program, an Advanced Practitioner Member of the Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR) and is a frequent presenter on family and divorce matters at regional and national gatherings. Ms. Terry teaches Mediation at the Woodbury Institute of Champlain College and at Vermont Law School.

Christine Packard has been a member of the Vermont Bar since 1979 and is an experienced Family Law Attorney who has been a full time Divorce and Family Mediator since 2003. She is a contract mediator with the Vermont Family Court Mediation Program as well as a member of its Advisory Committee. Ms. Packard is an Advanced Practitioner member of ACR.

Divorce Training Pre-requisites: All participants must have had a 28 hour Basic Training.

DIVORCE MEDIATION TRAINING

July 24 & 25, 2009

Workshop Topics

- The Framework of Divorce and Separation
- Components & function of Divorce & Family Mediation
- Structure of the Mediation process
- Continuum of techniques used by the mediator
- Psychology of divorce and separation
- Family as a system & family dynamics
- Divorce Mediation in the shadow of the law

July 31 – Divorce Law*

Workshop Topics

- Law regarding children including residence, contact, special circumstance
- Unauthorized practice of law
- Uniform Mediation Act
- Ethical guidelines for attorneys who mediate
- Application of the law regarding finances including property, debts, investments
- Overview of tax law
- Types of pensions
- Child support

Note: Members of the family bar, if they wish, may eliminate this day of training with a \$200 reduction in fee.

Participants are asked to borrow or purchase Vermont Family Law, 2009. You can find it on-line from LexisNexis for \$54 plus shipping.

* Mediation from other states will have key similarities and differences noted.

August 7 & 8

Workshop Topics

- Managing financial negotiations
- Capacity issues in mediation – alcohol, drugs, mental capability, abuse
- Issues of children in Divorce
- Power dynamics in the mediation process
- Professional conduct and ethics
- Starting your practice
- Advanced techniques of working with families

GENERAL WORKSHOP INFORMATION

Location: Champlain College Campus, Burlington, VT

Cost: \$1350 (\$1250 if registered prior to June 15). Includes workshop manual. Participants are responsible to have a copy of The Divorce Family Law book.

Note: There are a minimum number of participants needed to run the workshop.

DIVORCE MEDIATION TRAINING REGISTRATION FORM

Prepayment before the start of the workshops is required. There is a \$50 non-refundable fee for cancellations in the Divorce Mediation Training

Deadline for all applications: July 10, 2009

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**Mail application to: Neal Rodar, 67 Terrace St, Montpelier, VT 05602 or
email to nrodar@champlain.edu**

Participants will receive a North Star/Champlain College certificate of advanced professional training (provided present for all hours/sessions of the training)

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City/Town _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Daytime Phone # (____) _____ E-mail: _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ Check #: _____

You may also pay through your Pay Pal account. Access Pay Pal and make deposit to sterry@hughes.net. ____ I have deposited \$ _____ into Pay Pal.

Signature _____

Your application indicates that you understand the conditions of the workshop and agree.

On a separate sheet, please briefly answer the following questions:

1. Please describe your previous training, including where you took your 28-hour basic mediation training.
2. Please describe any mediation experience you may have.
3. What is your current occupation/work (or any previous that might influence your mediation work)?